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In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

1.This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, as it is filed:

(Check one of the boxes A-D)

[X] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

☒ B. before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

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☐ i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either

☐ (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

☐ (b) not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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☐ ii. A check (check no. _____) for the fee set forth in §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed. If the enclosed payment is incorrect, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

☒ ii. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached authorizing payment of the fee set forth

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☐ D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Applicant(s) state as follows under 37 CFR §1.97(e) for consideration of this IDS, that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either

(Check one of the boxes "a" and "b" below)

☐ (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

☐ (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., Form PTO/SB/08A) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto.

A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

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☐ A. Document(s) _____ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____, and, in accordance with §1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

☐ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

(insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications)

Applicant(s) identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 (or PTO/SB/08A) from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO-1449 (or PTO/SB/08A) listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with §1.98(d). Per 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

3. Document(s) AC, AD, AE, AF, AG is (are) not in the English language. In accordance with §1.98(a)(3), Applicant(s) states:

☐ An English translation of each document _____ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) AC, AD, AE, AF, AG is found in the attached German search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of
document(s) _____ is set forth as follows:

(insert concise explanation of relevance)

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document(s) _____ can be found on page(s) _
of the specification.

[] A concise explanation of document(s) _____
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4.No explanation of relevance is necessary for
documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and
68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

5.Other information being provided for the examiner's
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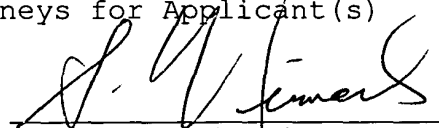
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	6,336,777		James Steven Fisher	01/08/2002	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AD	DE	199 19 645		Stama Maschinenfabrik GmbH	4/30/1999		
	AE	DE	101 24 779		Dana Corp.	5/21/2001		
	AF	DE	41 12 763		MDC Max Dätwyler Bleienbach AG	4/19/1991		
	AG	DD	244 097		VEB Kombinat Getriebe und Kupplungen- Stammbetrieb	9/12/1985		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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